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2002 RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION/CHANGE IN ELIGIBILITY OR TERMINATION NOTICE

(Section 257.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code)

Dear Claimant:

Your organization was allowed the Religious Exemption for 2001 on all or a portion of its property. The Religious Exemption is available only to property which is **owned** by a church and used exclusively for religious worship (church) or religious worship, including a school. Property used for school purposes only, where there are no church services, does not qualify for the Religious Exemption but may qualify for the Welfare Exemption. Leased real or personal property is not eligible for the Religious Exemption unless the owner of the leased property is also a religious organization and conducts religious worship activities (church services and/or school purposes) on the property, in which case both the owner and the operator must file for the Religious Exemption. Under one-time filing, the Religious Exemption will remain in effect until the property is sold or all or a part of the property is used for activities that are outside the scope of the Religious Exemption.

If, as of January 1, 2002 you still own the property and the activities conducted on the property **have not changed** since January 1, 2001, answer the question on the card "yes" and sign and return the card to the Assessor. The Assessor will continue the exemption. If you do not return the card, it may result in an onsite inspection to verify that the property is being used for exempt activities.

If, as of January 1, 2002 you no longer owned the property or activities other than religious worship or religious worship including a school were taking place on the property, answer the question on the card "no" and sign and return the card to the Assessor within 30 days, so that the exemption can be modified or terminated. If you do not notify the Assessor when the property is no longer eligible for the exemption, it will result in an escape assessment plus interest and may result in a penalty of up to \$250.

The following activities are outside the scope of the Religious Exemption (those activities which are within the scope of either the Church Exemption or the Welfare Exemption are indicated in parentheses):

- a. No activity (no exemption)
- b. Parsonage, living quarters (welfare)
- c. Thrift store (welfare)
- d. Bingo (welfare)
- e. Other (non-church or non-school) religious or charitable activities of another organization on your church-owned property (welfare: both the owner and the operator must file)
- f. Property owned by a non-church entity but leased to and used exclusively by a church for religious services (church)

If you wish to claim either the Church Exemption or the Welfare Exemption, contact the Assessor **immediately**: the deadline for timely filing for the Church Exemption or Welfare Exemption is **February 15**. Section 270, Revenue and Taxation Code, provides for late filing of the Church and Welfare Exemptions.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND RETURN

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION CHANGE IN ELIGIBILITY OR TERMINATION NOTICE (CARD)

(Section 257.1, Revenue and Taxation Code)

If you do not return this card, it does not of itself constitute a waiver of exemption as called for by the California Constitution, but may result in an onsite inspection to verify exempt activity.

APN(s)

Name

Street

City
State and Zip Code

LOCATION OF PROPERTY (if other than mailing address)

To all persons who have received a Religious Exemption for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

QUESTION: Will the property to which the exemption applies in the 2001-2002 fiscal year continue to be used exclusively for religious purposes in the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

☐ YES☐ NO

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER including area code
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Received by _____ Date: _____
(Assessor's Designee)

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO